

Remarks

In response to the election/restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Group II, claims 20-31, directed to the methods of the present invention. Claims 1-19 are withdrawn from consideration, without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 20-31 are now pending for examination.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement because no undue burden would result in conducting a search and examination of all the originally filed claims. That is, a search directed to the methods of the present invention would uncover relevant art pertinent to performing an examination of the claims directed to the systems of the present invention. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the election/restriction requirement and examination of all the originally filed claims.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing Amendments and Remarks, this application is in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that this application is not in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

A petition for a one-month extension of time to and including November 3, 2003 accompanies this Response. If there is any other fee occasioned by this Response, including an extension fee that is not covered by the enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50/0214.

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